

**BLUAC Steering Committee
September 22, 2005 Minutes**

Chairman Averill called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Minutes of the September 15, 2005 meeting were approved as mailed.

Old Business:

Dates were discussed for the first of the public meetings to further public comment on the Bigfork Survey and planning process. Tuesday, October 11, 2005, 7:00 PM was selected for the date at the Bigfork Elementary School gym. The secretary was directed to prepare a press release and legal notice for the Daly Inter Lake, Bigfork Eagle and Lakeshore Country Journal, and to inform Planning Director Harris and BLUAC of the date.

The bid for the lowest printing costs to print the Bigfork Survey booklet were \$11 at the UPS store in Bigfork. It was decided to print 100 booklets and sell for \$15 at the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce, Electric Avenue Bookstore and the Jug Tree. Members commented on the success of auctioning signed booklets at the Bigfork Foundation auction on Thursday, September 15, 2005. A total of \$2,500 was raised from the sale of the booklets.

Government sub-committee chairman Loranger reported that Elna Darrow is working on an outline for the MSU team to gather actual tax base data. Loranger thought that the \$600 donated by Steering Committee members Lang, Darrow and Brown, for the MSU study may not be enough to cover the costs. It was suggested that envelopes be available at the public meeting for donations to the Bigfork planning process.

Craig Wagner presented the maps to be used at the public meeting. An overlay of school districts, water and sewer districts and fire districts will be prepared. Options were discussed for possible boundaries for the incorporation study. They are:

1. N: Hwy 82 to Hwy 35, then north to McCaffery Road, E: Bigfork Stage Road, S: Flathead County line, W: Flathead River, all with 100' corridor on the dividing line.
2. N: Hwy 82 to Hwy 35, then north to McCaffery Road, E: Swan River Road, S: Flathead County line, W: Flathead River, all with 100' corridor on the dividing line.
3. Same as above except extending the Eastern boundary to Hwy 83.

It was agreed that the committee would continue to explore other governmental resolutions including townships, municipalities, village status, as well as establishing a new county.

Carol Venable will investigate the process for changing the practice of appointing BLUAC members from appointment by the Commissioners to an election process by Bigfork Land Use Plan residents.

Carol Venable moved the meeting be adjourned, motion was seconded by Bob Hoene.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:07 PM.

Sue Hanson
Secretary